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of preventing infant mortality, to follow the subsidiary purpose of devising elaborate machinery; and in following this subsidiary purpose they lost sight of the main purpose. That is the mark and the characteristic of the clever incapable. He does very well indeed what is not worth doing; or if worth doing at all, is only worth doing for the sake of some ulterior purpose which he completely forgets and does not achieve. The English concentrated their attention on the main purpose, and achieved it. That is the difference between cleverness and capability.

TO THE MOON

By Thomas Hardy

"What have you mused on, Moon,
In your day,
So aloof, so far away?"
"O, I have mused on, often mused on
Growth, decay,
Nations alive, dead, mad, aswoon,
In my day!"

"Have you much wondered, Moon,
On your rounds,
Self-wrapt, beyond Earth's bounds?"
"Yea, I have wondered, often wondered
At the sounds
Reaching me of the human tune
On my rounds."

"What do you think of it, Moon,
As you go?
Is Life much, or no?"
"O, I think of it, often think of it
As a show
God means surely to shut up soon,
As I go."